

Dear Parents:

It is our pleasure to welcome you to the 2019 Old Hickory District Cub Scout Day Camp! Inside you will find detailed information about the Cub Scout Day Camp Program for 2019.

This will serve as an introduction to those new to the Cub Scout Day Camp program and as a refresher for those who have attended Day Camp in the past.

Our goals for the Old Hickory Cub Scout Day Camp experience are as follows:

- To ensure the Cub Scouts have FUN!
- To promote Scouting and Scout Spirit in all activities.
- To provide a theme as the binding thread of our program.
- To provide a safe, educational, and entertaining environment for Cub Scouts.

Tiger scouts MUST have an ADULT PARTNER with them at ALL times to attend camp.

If you have any questions about this guide or our Day Camp in general, please feel free to contact any one of the Camp Directors.

Thank you for your support and dedication to our Cub Scout Day Camp. We know from past Day Camps that the Cub Scouts really enjoy themselves and appreciate your involvement.

Yours in Scouting,

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Our Mission

Our mission is to provide and facilitate a safe, fun, and memorable camping experience for Cub Scouts that provides lasting development of Scouting's Core Values through personal development and achievement. These objectives are accomplished through outdoor and indoor activities that facilitate experiential learning in line with the Aims and Methods of the Boy Scouts of America using trained and experienced staff to provide a fun and well-rounded program that meets or exceeds the BSA National Camp Accreditation Program.

Our Vision

Our vision is to create an exceptional Day Camp experience for all Cub Scouts of the Old Hickory District that promotes sustainability, fun, and adventure for years to come.

What is Day Camp?

Day Camp is a day-time camp designed to bring the camping experience to Cub Scouts. Cub Scouts will get to experience a variety of activities over the five days at camp. The purpose and objective of our camp is to provide a fun learning environment in which youth will enjoy themselves.

While our activities are designed for fun, some activities may apply toward advancement for their upcoming Cub Scout rank. A list of the requirements and achievements completed at camp will be made available to your Cub Scout this summer. Please register your Cub Scout for the rank they will be in the fall of 2019. It does not matter if they graduate on their birthday or at the end of the school year. We want your Cub Scout to benefit from the program as much as possible for their next rank!

Program Theme

Our program this year is Under the Sea. Our activities this year will center on this theme and promote sports and games of all kinds, while promoting good sportsmanship.

Volunteering

The Boy Scouts of America is a volunteer led program. The success of all events, especially Cub Scout Day Camp, are possible because of the dedication and willingness of all the youth and adults who volunteer to help make these programs run. Cub Scout Day Camps are required to have specific camp staff personnel for operation. Please consider volunteering and help support your camp. These are the positions that are needed to make our Day Camp operate:

1. Den Guides (10-12)
2. Camp Medic
3. Station Leaders (4-6: sports, crafts, science, etc.)
4. Shooting Range Officers (4)
5. Scoutmaster – to oversee the youth staff
6. Jr. Staff (12-24)
7. Traffic Control (4)
8. Directors (2)

All volunteers, regardless of age, are required to complete Youth Protection Training and attend one session of staff training (date to be determined.)

Who Can Attend Day Camp?

2019 Old Hickory Cub Scout Day Camp is open to all Scouts who will be the rank of Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos, and Arrow of Light on August 26, 2019. **Tiger scouts MUST have an ADULT PARTNER with them at ALL times to attend camp.**

Registration Schedule and Procedures

Registration MUST be done as a Pack. Each Pack should select one person to coordinate registration for their unit. Units sending more than 5 Cub Scouts to Old Hickory Day Camp MUST provide at least ONE volunteer for the week of camp.

Registration will open March 1, 2019 and will be available online through the [Council website](#) or through paper registration using the paper registration packet available at Old Hickory District Roundtables. The registration dates and fees are as follows:

- Registration \$80 per camper (Tiger Adult Partners have no fee)
- DEADLINE is May 20, 2019

Medications at Camp

Prescription medications will be given to our Camp Medic to dispense:

- Send it in the original container with name, dosage, and time due.
- If you need to send urgent-care (rescue) medications (ex: inhaler, Epi-pen) with your scout, please give them to the Den Guide.
- Let us know about any health/behavior issues that we should be aware of (ex: allergies.)

Pre-Camp Check-In Day

Date: Sunday, June 9, 2019

Time: 2:00 – 4:00 PM

Location: Siler Presbyterian Church, 6301 Weddington Monroe Road, Matthews, 28104

Things to Bring:

- BSA Medical Form (Part A & B) for all campers (including Tiger Adult Partner) and staff
- Copies of trainings and certifications required by staff
- Sunscreen/Bug Spray Waivers, signed
- Medications to be stored onsite in original bottles

Items to Pick Up:

- T-shirts (uniform for the week)
- Den Assignments

What to Bring Each Day

Please ensure that your Cub Scout brings the following items EACH DAY. Please label each item with your Cub Scout's name.

- 2019 Day Camp t-shirt (to be worn every day for admittance into camp)
- Refillable water bottle
- Bag lunch in a Ziplock bag with camper's name on it
- Closed-toed shoes (NO sandals, flip-flops, etc.)
- Clear rain poncho (day camp shirt must be visible under poncho)
- Apply sunscreen/bug spray BEFORE arriving to camp
- On Friday please be sure to bring a bicycle AND helmet for the rodeo
- DO NOT BRING knives, matches, lighters, or any electronics!

Day Camp Schedule

The following schedule will be observed on Monday through Thursday:

7:45 AM Arrival/Drop-Off
8:00 AM Opening Ceremony
8:15 – 11:40 AM Morning Rotations
11:40 AM – 12:25 PM Lunch and rest period
12:30 – 2:10 PM Afternoon Rotations
2:10 PM Closing Ceremony
2:30 PM Dismissal and Pick-Up

Friday will have a modified Schedule of Activities and will be as follows:

7:45 AM Arrival/Drop-Off
8:00 AM Opening Ceremony
8:15 – 11:40 AM Morning Rotations
11:40 AM – 12:25 PM Lunch and rest period
12:30 – 2:10 PM Afternoon Rotations
2:10 PM Closing Ceremony & Awards (Parents invited to attend)
2:30 PM Dismissal and Pick-Up

Advancement and Awards

The ultimate goal of our camp staff is to ensure the Cub Scouts have FUN during all programs and activities at camp. At the same time we want Scouts to advance. Campers will complete a variety of rank advancement and elective requirements during their time at camp. Some of these requirements will be met purposefully and others will just happen by accident through the activities that take place. On Friday the Program Director will distribute a handout with requirements that were accomplished during the week. This handout will also be emailed to the unit leader.

Shooting Sports:

Day Camp offers a unique opportunity that Cub Scouts only can get at District/Council camping programs. Cub Scouts will learn safety, parts and use of bow and arrow and bb guns. They will be able to work on mastering their skills.

Crafts:

For the creative minded, crafts allow the Scout to express themselves in a creative manner, putting thought to paper, clay, wood, leather and models, etc. Many of the crafts will be centered on the theme for the year.

Science:

For the Scout that enjoys exploring science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) campers will have the chance to explore the world around them and conduct activities and experiments that relate science to areas of the theme for the year.

Indoor/Outdoor Games:

Sports and games are an opportunity to focus the camper's energy on team events such as kickball, soccer, or volley ball to work together and succeed. Games can also be individual events that exercise the camper's body and mind to achieve goals.

Scout Skills:

Campers will have the chance to test their abilities and knowledge in the outdoors with a variety of skills. Some of the Scouting skills campers will learn include: tying knots, flag ceremonies, first aid and more.

Cooking:

Cooking is an important skill to a Scout and campers will learn age appropriate meals and snacks that they can prepare; and how to prepare them in a safe learning environment. Examples include: trail mix, foil packs, Dutch oven desserts, how to use a camp stove, etc.

Songs/Skits (Den Time)

Den time allows for the group of Scouts to develop team building songs or skits to present at the closing ceremony; and cheers to rally the den's spirit and do their best as a team.

Rainy Days

In the case of less than favorable weather, as Scouts we are prepared and have a backup plan. There are many fun activities we can play as a group under shelter. And we can still enjoy and learn about nature even in the rain.

Severe Weather

In case of severe weather conditions that make running Day Camp unsafe:

- At the first indication of thunder or lightening, campers will be moved directly to indoor stations. Ranges and outdoor activities will be shut down until weather clears.
- If weather becomes too severe to run Day Camp, parents will be contacted and informed that camp will be canceled and that their child needs to be picked up.
- Camp staff will remain on site until all campers have been picked up by the pre-approved transporters.

Rules and Code of Conduct

- Buddy System is in effect at all times.
Den Guides will assign buddies the first day of camp. Buddies stay together at all times; including going to the restroom, medic, etc. A Camp Staff member may allow a Cub to leave their buddy such as when a buddy must stay at the medical station or leave early. The Den Guide will then assign another buddy to the Scout and return them to their den. Know where your buddy is at all times!
- Cub Scouts must have the Camp Director's permission to leave camp any time camp is in session. This includes any time between opening and closing ceremonies and camp dismissal. There must also be prior written notification from the Cub Scout's parent/guardian.
- Cub Scouts must ask for permission from their Den Guide before they leave their den. This includes when they leave at the end of the day. A camper must only leave the camp area in the company of an authorized person to pick him/her up (names listed on the Transportation Release Form.)
- Cub Scouts MUST leave their knives/matches at home. Knives or matches, if necessary, will only be used in the activity areas and they will be provided.
- Cub Scouts will wear closed-toe shoes AND socks at all times; except during certain water activities. Sandals, including crocs, are NOT authorized.
- Cub Scouts will be respectful toward adults, staff members and visitors.
- Cub Scouts will be respectful and mindful of the feelings, safety and property of their fellow Scouts.
- Proper language will be used at all times (no foul, profane or abusive language.)
- Cub Scouts need to leave electronics at home (iPods, Game Boys, cell phones, Apple watches, etc.) If a parent needs to reach their Scout, please contact the Camp Director.
- Cub Scouts who repeatedly violate the Code of Conduct may be lead to Time-out, a note home and/or possible dismissal from Day Camp.

Discipline Policy

Successful discipline requires that we act fairly and consistently, and treat each Scout as an individual. Ground rules and the "three warning system: will be reviewed with each Den on the first day of camp. A variety of both active and quieter activities have been planned to give each Scout a balanced, fun and rewarding camp experience.

- First warning: Scout will be taken aside (within sight of another adult) to discuss problem.
- Second warning: Scout will be taken to the Camp Director, where they will "sit out" the next activity rotation. At least two adults will be present.

- Third warning: Scout's parent(s) will be contacted and asked to pick their child up from camp. This is a last resort and hope that it does not occur.

Meal Information

- Bring a nutritious meal daily with a beverage. Soda and lunchables are not encouraged.
- Send the meals in a plastic Ziplock-type bag (gallon size), with their name clearly printed on the bag.
- All meals will be stored in the den cooler; NO refrigeration is available.
- NO lunch boxes.
- Bring your reusable/refillable WATER bottle every day!
- Water coolers are stationed in many places around camp for water refills.

Parents Visiting Camp

- Check in at the office with a Director.
- You are welcome to visit camp any time, but we monitor the activity of all adults "not in uniform", so check in with the staff for a Visitor's Badge first!
- Under NO CIRCUMSTANCES may a Scout be picked up early without notification to the Camp Director; and sign out at the office. This is for your child's safety.
- Any person in Camp who is not in uniform or not wearing a Visitor's Badge will be asked to leave the property immediately. For the safety of our Scouts and Staff.

Service Project

During the week of camp Cub Scouts can bring canned goods and packaged, non-perishable food items to Camp. These items will be provided to a local food bank for supply to families in need.

Carpool and Attendance Procedures

Open for drop-off at 7:45 AM; for dismissal at 2:30 PM

- Only authorized parents/guardians (or other adult approved by the parent/guardian) can pick up a camper. Please be sure to send a note, or call the Camp Director with any changes.
- Drop off and Pick up will be off of Weddington Monroe Road. Please follow the cones and Carpool Staff for traffic flow.
- Follow the directions of the Carpool staff as to when to stop and unload/load. Your camper will be escorted safely to their den. The Den Guide will be present to check attendance and verify who picks up each camper at the end of the day.
- Ensure that your car rider tag(s) are displayed in the window so that staff can readily identify the rider and quickly load campers into vehicles.
- Call the Camp Director with ANY changes or absences. We use a child check-in system daily. If you do not call the Camp Director, we will call you if your child is not in camp.

- If your child arrives late to camp (after 8 AM), you will need to park your car in the staff parking lot (accessible off of 84), and walk your child to the Camp Office to check him/her in.
- For early pick-up (before 2:10 PM): Be sure to send in a note or call the Camp Director, if you know in advance. Park in the staff lot (off of 84) and proceed directly to the Camp Office. If we know in advance we can have your child waiting for their early pick-up.
- If you arrive in the Camp Office after 2:10 PM you MUST pick your child up through the daily carpool line. NO EXCEPTIONS! This is for the safety of all!
- Please be patient, especially on the first day!

If you are a staff volunteer arriving with your child, please take them to their den's meeting spot in the Den Area. Be sure to check in with their Den Guide before you head off to your staff meeting or other duties.

Camp Evaluation

At the end of Old Hickory Cub Scout Day Camp we will ask parents to complete an online survey. Please take a few minutes to provide us with feedback so we can continually improve the Cub Scout Day Camp experience.

Finally, the campers will have a lot of fun and get very tired; especially at the week goes on. Please make sure they stay hydrated and eat well the week BEFORE camp. This will help prevent heat related injuries. We will monitor temperatures and take appropriate action to ensure the safety of your Scout at all times.

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Sunscreen/Bug Spray Application Approval:

Please sign below if you would like to authorize your camper's Den Guide permission to reapply any sunscreen or bug spray during Old Hickory Cub Scout Day Camp: June 10-14, 2019 (if they determine that it would be helpful/necessary for your child.)

Reapplication will be spray-on sunscreen or bug spray and applied in accordance with Youth Protection Guidelines.

Date: _____

Camper(s) Names:

Parent/Guardian Name:

Signature:
